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SUBJ: ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION

1. MINISTER BAIJAL, HOME ON CONSULTATIONS, TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT IN HIS WASHINGTON TALKS, MONMOHAN SINGH WAS MERELY "THINKING ALOUD" IN SUGGESTING DOWNGRADING LEVEL OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF SUBCOMMISSION. HIS REAL MEANING, BAIJAL SAID, WAS THAT IF SUBCOMMISSION DID NOT HAVE ANY REAL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT COULD BE DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED, THEN GIVEN HIS VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE HE MIGHT SEND SOMEONE LIKE ADDITIONAL SECRETARY MALHOTRA TO SUBSTITUTE FOR HIM FOR THIS MEETING ONLY.

2. ACCORDING TO BAIJAL, SINGH WOULD ATTEND HIMSELF IF TWO OR THREE TRADE ISSUES, FOR EXAMPLE, COULD ACTUALLY BE RESOLVED. IF ON THE OTHER HAND, KNOWN POSITIONS ON ISSUES WERE MERELY TO BE RESTATED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS, THEN THE TRIP WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY FRUITFUL FOR HIM TO MAKE.

3. BAIJAL SAID THERE WERE TRADE ISSUES THAT COULD BE RESOLVED ALTHOUGH HE OFFERED NO SPECIFICS. HE THOUGHT
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THE GOI HAD ALREADY BEEN RESPONSIVE ON INVESTMENT QUESTIONS, AND HAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CIEC, LITTLE REMAINED FOR DISCUSSION ON MULTILATERALS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF AID WAS THEN AN ACTIVE ITEM, THEN "SECRET" SESSIONS COULD BE HELD TO DISCUSS THIS.

4. HE QUICKLY ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT AID HAD "TRADI-

TIONALLY" NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN PAST SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS, AND THAT SINCE HE WAS NOT THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER, HE COULD AFFORD TO BE EXPANSIVE ON SUGGESTIONS FOR AN AGENDA. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID HIS NEXT APPOINTMENT WAS WITH JOINT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE TO DISCUSS AN AGENDA FOR THE SUBCOMMISSION.

5. BAIJAL ALSO SAID THAT IF MONMOHAN SINGH WERE TO LEAD THE INDIAN DELEGATION, AN EARLY AUGUST DATE WOULD PROBABLY BE THE EARLIEST TIME PRACTICAL FOR HIM GOHEEN

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